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SUBJECT: DANISH OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS TO WEST BERLIN

REF: STATE 12471 NOTAL

SUMMARY: FOR BENEFIT OF INFO ADDRESSEES, SOME BACK GROUND IS GIVEN BELOW ON INFORMATION PROVIDED REFTEL.

1. AT JANUARY 14 TRIPARTITE BONN GROUP MEETING, FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) REPORTED HE HAD A CABLE FROM PARIS WHICH TOLD OF AN APPROACH ON SUBJECT BY THE DANISH AMBASSADOR TO QUAI DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR ON JAN 8. BOISSIEU SAID HE READ THE CABLE TO MEAN THAT THE DANES HAD RECEIVED OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS FROM THE GDR FOR SAS TO SERVE WEST BERLIN. HOWEVER, SINCE DANISH AMBASSADOR HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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REQUESTED THAT 1 NOV 75 EXPIRATION DATE OF PERIOD IN

WHICH TO BEGIN SERVICE BE POSTPONED, HE WAS UNSURE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS HAD BEEN GRANTED BY GDR SINCE, IF SO, THERE WOULD MOST LIKELY BE NO NEED TO REQUEST POSTPONEMENT OF 1 NOV 75 DATE. IN VIEW OF THIS INCONSISTENCY, FRENCH EMBASSY COPENHAGEN HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW UP WITH DANES. ANOTHER UNCLEAR ASPECT OF AMBASSADOR'S CALL WHICH FRENCH SEEKING ALSO TO CLARIFY WAS HIS STATEMENT THAT COPENHAGEN WOULD SOON BE REPLYING TO FRENCH NOTE OF DEC 9 INFORMING DANES (ON PART OF THREE ALLIES) OF 1 NOV 75 EXPIRATION DATE.

- 2. UK REP (CULLIMORE) SAID DANISH EMBASSY OFFICER IN LONDON HAD ALSO RAISED MATTER WITH JAMES OF WESTERN EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT, BUT HAD ONLY INDICATED SCANDANAVIANS WISHED POSTPONEMENT OF NOVEMBER EXPIRATION DATE SINCE GDR REPS HAD TOLD DANES THEY WERE WILLING TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF GDR OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS ON ROUTE TO WEST BERLIN. DANES WERE THEREFORE HOPEFUL THAT GDR WOULD EVENTUALLY GRANT THESE RIGHTS. CULLIMORE SAID JAMES HAD TAKEN APPROACH TO BE SO LOW KEY THAT HE MERELY MADE A SHORT NOTE OF IT, SENDING A COPY TO UK EMBASSY IN BONN. US REP SAID HE KNEW OF NO SIMILAR APPROACH IN WASHINGTON BUT WOULD CHECK (COMMENT: HENCE TELECON WITH EUR/CE).
- 3. COMMENT: SINCE FRENCH EMBASSY COPENHAGEN (WHICH, AS NOTED ABOVE, ACTED FOR THREE ALLIES IN INFORM-ING DANES OF EXPIRATION DATE) HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CLARIFY SITUATION WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT NO ACTION IN MEANTIME IS INDICATED. IT APPEARS TO US THAT DANES MAY BE SUFFERING FROM CONFUSION SINCE IF THEY ARE ABLE TO OBTAIN GDR OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS AND BEGIN SERVICE PRIOR TO 1 NOV 75, THE EXPIRATION DATE WILL NOT TAKE EFFECT. ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE NOTE DELIVERED IN COPENHAGEN (SEE BONN 16878, 25 OCT 1974) IF SERVICE TO WEST BERLIN IS BEGUN PRIOR TO 1 NOV 75, SAS MAY OPERATE FOR ONE YEAR UNTIL ALLIED REVIEW. INDISCUSSIONS ADDEES MAY HAVE WITH DANES WE WOULD SUGGEST THIS BE MADE CLEAR. HILLENBRAND CONFIDENTIAL

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